

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please replace the pending claims with the following claims:

1. (currently amended) A combination vaccine for the protection of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said combination vaccine comprises a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and a live attenuated poultry virus.
2. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus, Newcastle Disease virus, Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus, Marek's virus or Avian Reovirus.
3. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus, Newcastle Disease virus or Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus.
4. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Newcastle Disease virus.
5. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Newcastle Disease virus type NDC2.
6. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus.
7. (currently amended) [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said live attenuated poultry virus is Infectious Bronchitis virus.

8. (currently amended)    [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1 ~~claims 1-7,~~  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* has a  
mutation, said mutation preferably being a deletion[[,]] in the *purD*-gene or the *recA*-gene.
9. (currently amended)    [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 1 ~~claims 1-8,~~  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ said combination vaccine comprises an additional antigen derived from  
a virus or micro-organism pathogenic to poultry or genetic information encoding said antigen.
10. (currently amended)    [[A]] The combination vaccine according to claim 9, ~~characterized in-~~  
~~that wherein~~ the virus or micro-organism is selected from the group consisting of Infectious  
Bronchitis virus, Infectious Bursal Disease (Gumboro), Chicken Anaemia agent, Avian Reovirus,  
*Mycoplasma gallisepticum*, Turkey Rhinotracheitis virus, *Haemophilus paragallinarum* (Coryza),  
Chicken Poxvirus, Avian Encephalomyelitisvirus, Duck Plague virus, Egg Drop syndrome virus,  
Infectious Laryngotracheitis virus, Herpes Virus of Turkeys, Eimeria species, *Ornithobacterium*  
*rhinotracheale*, *Pasteurella multocida*, *Mycoplasma synoviae*, *Salmonella* species and *E. coli*.
11. (currently amended)    ~~Use of a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain~~  
~~and a live attenuated poultry virus for the manufacturing of a combination vaccine~~ A method of  
protecting for the protection of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* comprising  
administering a combination vaccine comprising live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium*  
*rhinotracheale* strain and a live attenuated poultry virus.
12. (currently amended)    ~~Use of a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain~~  
~~and a live attenuated poultry virus for the manufacturing of a combination vaccine for the protection~~  
~~of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*,~~ The method according to claim 11, wherein the  
live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain and the live attenuated poultry virus are  
administered simultaneously, separately or sequentially.

13. (currently amended) A method for preparing ~~Method for the preparation of a~~ the combination vaccine according to claim 1 ~~claims 1-10~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said method comprises the admixing of a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain, a live attenuated poultry virus and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

14. (currently amended) A vaccination kit for the immunization of poultry against *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale*, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said kit comprises  
a) a live over-attenuated *Ornithobacterium rhinotracheale* strain [[and]] ;  
b) a live attenuated poultry virus [[and]] ;  
c) optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for ~~the component under a and/or b~~ (a); and  
d) optionally a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier for (b).

15. (currently amended) A vaccination kit according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the carrier of (c) or (d) comprises an adjuvant.